FMCSA Field Systems
TECHNICAL BULLETIN

Subject: ASPEN v2 & CDLIS v1.x compatibility
Distribution: All roadside system users
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Symptom(s): ASPEN v2 is unable to work with CDLIS v1.x

Cause: The 32 bit Borland Database Engine (BDE32) creates a CDLIS "output" file in Dbase 7 format. CDLIS v1.x requires an output file in Dbase 4 format.

Resolution: The BDE32 administrator must be modified to create a Dbase output file in Dbase 4 format. Use the following steps to make the necessary change.

1) Double-click on "my computer"
2) Double-click on "control panel"
3) Double-click on "BDE Administrator"
4) Double-click on "drivers"
5) Double-click on "native"
6) Double-click on "dbase"
7) Change the "level" number to 4
8) Exit the BDE Administrator (save new configuration, if prompted)

IMPORTANT NOTE: The BDE32 is used by most Field Systems programs. The modification to the BDE32 may affect those other programs if they require an output file in Dbase 7 format. Also, a new CDLIS program will be released in early 2001 therefore, the BDE32 will have to be changed back to Dbase 7 format when using ASPEN v2 and the new CDLIS.

Contact FMCSA-Technical Support @ (617) 374-5090 with questions or concerns regarding these instructions.